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UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Show up, Stand up, Speak out
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McCreary Co. Heritage
Foundation Meeting
Sept. 8 | 5:30PM

Solid Waste Meeting
Sept. 9 | 5:00PM
Old Rescue Squad Bld.

Fiscal Court Meeting
Sept. 11 | 6:00PM
Courthouse



SPECIAL MEETING FOR FIRE STATIONS, WEAPONS, AND TOURISM

Photo By: Eugenia Jones

McCreary County Judge Executive Jimmie “Bevo” Greene is pictured with members of the North McCreary Fire Department and their recently purchased fire truck. North McCreary volunteers and residents were at the fire station to attend a public hearing regarding the county’s application for a community grant to build a new North McCreary Fire Station.

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In hopes of receiving funding for multiple projects, McCreary County Fiscal Court met in a special-called meeting on Monday (8-25) at 11:00 a.m. to approve various grant applications and items. First, the Court unanimously approved a resolution allowing McCreary County Fiscal Court to enter into and file an application with the KY Department of Local Government for Community Projects, requesting \$850,000 for the construction of a new fire station for the North McCreary Volunteer Fire Department. McCreary County Judge Executive

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HELP LOCAL KIDS SHOP WITH A COP

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Oneida Chief of Police Darrel Laxton and Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency/Oneida Police Department Law Enforcement Dustin Burke are already hard at work, raising funds to bring holiday Christmas cheer to one deserving child per grade level at all the elementary schools in McCreary County and Scott County, TN, during the annual 2025 Shop with a Cop event. Additionally, the siblings of each of those children will join the festivities. This year, each child and their siblings will pair up with a law enforcement buddy to shop at the Oneida Walmart, with \$150 allocated per child for spending. It’s a win-win holiday situation, as children get an opportunity to score items on their Christmas wish list. Most important, however, is the positive police-youth bonding, which is most effective when it begins in childhood and continues through adolescence. The period between ages 5 and 12 is ideal for starting police-youth bonding because children at this age are highly impressionable and less likely to have developed negative biases. Through the Shop with a Cop program, local children are introduced to law enforcement officers as approachable, positive figures in the community. Each year, Laxton and Burke approach local businesses and encourage individuals to donate to the cause, and law enforcement officers from both counties participate

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Photo from McJ Archives
Children and law enforcement bond during shop with a cop.

Taylor selected as
McCreary Middle principal



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Sasha Taylor, PhD is the new principal at McCreary County Middle School. Taylor is a McCreary County native who has served the school district in various roles, including teacher and assistant principal at the building level, and most recently as Director of

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Jordan Triplet’s dream of bringing comfort and confidence to young people by creating a shopping experience

EveryKid by Triplet brings comfort, confidence, and community to local kids

where children can choose clothing at no cost has finally come true. Thanks to a great deal of hard work and planning on her part, the support of eager volunteers, and the generosity of local donors, Jordan has established EveryKid by Triplet. This local initiative provides free clothing to children in McCreary County

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